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Honorable James C. Francis
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 18D
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States of America, ex rel., et al v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Case No. 1:11-cv-08196-CM (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Francis:

This Office represents the State of Wisconsin in the above-referenced action, which was initially filed by the Relator pursuant to the provisions of the federal False Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C §§ 3729 *et seq.*, and similar state statutes such as the Wisconsin False Claims For Medical Assistance Law, § 20.931. I have been authorized to write on behalf of the plaintiff states of Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, Washington, and Wisconsin in regard to their attendance at the upcoming oral argument in this case.

I am writing the Court to provide a call-in number for those states attending the upcoming oral argument scheduled for November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference, per your consent. The call-in number is: 800-232-9745. The access code is: 1058216.

The parties appreciate the Court's cooperation in facilitating this appearance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie M. Wilson".

Katie M. Wilson
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cc: all parties via ECF
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